Amendments to the Claims:

Without prejudice, this listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the present application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for testing a fuel metering system comprising: checking injector contacts by a control unit during an initialization phase prior to starting up the fuel metering system;

driving injectors by the control unit for testing;

evaluating at least one of (a) current values and (b) voltage values to detect errors; and

controlling a fuel metering by the control unit during operation, wherein only the control unit performs the checking, driving, evaluating, and controlling steps.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising carrying out a test once prior to startup, prior to a first startup.
- 3. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising carrying out a test when a speed variable is less than a threshold value.
- 4. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising carrying out a test when a rail pressure variable is less than a threshold value.
- 5. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising carrying out a test when a voltage variable is greater than a threshold value.
- 6. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein the detecting of errors includes a check for at least one of a short-circuit, an interruption and a polarity reversal of lines.
- 7. (Original) The method according to claim 1, further comprising, during a test, connecting the control unit to a diagnostic tester via which at least one of (a) the test is started and (b) results of the test are at least one of read-out and displayed.

8. (Original) A device for testing a fuel metering system consisting of comprising:
a control unit for testing injector contacts during an initialization phase prior to starting up the fuel metering system, for controlling injectors for a test, for evaluating at least one of (a) current values and (b) voltage values for error detection purposes, and for controlling a fuel metering during operation.

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